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*The Illinois State Library's mission is to provide state government officials and employees with the information they need to make informed decisions, as well as to develop and promote libraries that enrich the quality of life for the people of Illinois. It fulfills this mission by supporting and implementing library services linking more than 2,500 libraries of all types across the state.*

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## SERVING STATE GOVERNMENT

In its role as the library for state government, the Illinois State Library maintains a collection of nearly 5 million items, with an emphasis on federal and state documents. The library is a regional depository for state and federal documents, including:

- Illinois state publications
- Illinois and federal legislation and regulations
- Illinois and federal maps
- Federal government publications
- Patent and trademark information
- Access to computerized information services

## ILLINET

The Illinois Library and Information Network (ILLINET) links more than 2,900 publicly and privately supported academic, public, school, and special libraries, enabling them to work cooperatively and share resources. The State Library works with 12 regional library systems to ensure that citizens can obtain needed information.

## PUBLIC SERVICES

A wide variety of reference, research, collection, and access services are provided directly to elected state officials and state agency

personnel. Service is also provided to the citizens of Illinois through active participation in the ILLINET resource sharing network. Any citizen may use the services and collection of the State Library in Springfield. They may also borrow materials from the State Library by requesting an interlibrary loan through their local library.

## **ILLINOIS DOCUMENTS**

The State Library supports each citizens' right to government information through the Illinois Documents Depository Program. State government publications, including maps, are collected, cataloged in ILLINET, and distributed to 29 depository libraries in the state. The State Library maintains an archival collection of Illinois state government publications. This material is available for research at the State Library and much is available through interlibrary loan.

## **FEDERAL DOCUMENTS**

The right to federal government information is supported by the Regional Federal Depository Collection and Services at the State Library. Federal documents are available in the Reference, Periodical, and Map Collections, as well as through the Circulation Department. Additional services support 56 designated depository libraries in the state. Through this network, depository material is widely available to the citizens of Illinois.

## **MAPS**

The map collection at the State Library includes more than 150,000 state, U.S., and foreign maps, including but not limited to plat books, street and highway, geologic, topographic, and census maps. Maps are circulated, available through interlibrary loan or photocopied if necessary.

## **PATENT AND TRADEMARK DEPOSITORY**

In its role as a United States Patent and Trademark Depository, the State Library supports Illinois' economic development efforts. The library has access to the Classification and Search Support Information System, the computerized system of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, and collects patent information on microfilm and paper. A new full text online patent database is



currently under development. Illinois residents can learn to conduct their own patent searches at the State Library. Illinois residents can learn to conduct their own patent searches at the State Library.

## **LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT**

Working to improve library services throughout Illinois, the State Library advises libraries and library systems on program development. The State Library also stimulates local support for library services and works with other organizations and institutions to provide workshops and in-service training programs for librarians and library trustees. Specialized programs are provided to meet the needs of persons who are disabled, including blind, disadvantaged and elderly persons.

The Library Development Group also coordinates Illinois participation in OCLC, a national database with holdings of thousands of libraries.

The State Library also supports libraries by providing services for rural library development, awarding and monitoring funds for library construction and library services development, and publishing statistics and analyses about library growth and service.

## **TRAINING GRANTS**

The State Library strives to promote quality service throughout the state; education and training are key factors in the delivery of this service. Each academic year, the State Library offers grants of \$7,500 each through its Master of Library and Information Science Degree Program. By awarding grants, the State Library encourages college graduates with demonstrated academic achievement, talent, and potential to enter the library profession and to work in Illinois libraries.

## **BLIND AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED SERVICES**

The Talking Book Program provides materials and playback equipment for any resident who is unable to read conventional printed matter for a reasonable length of time due to a physical or visual impairment. More than 55,000 books and 80 magazines are available in audio or Braille formats. The Secretary of State, through the State Library, funds a network of six subregional service centers coordinated by the Illinois Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped and the

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State Library. Partial funding is also provided to 11 Radio Information Services. These stations will provide special receivers to the same clientele eligible for the Talking Book Program and read newspapers, magazines, and other timely information over the radio. For further information about these free programs, contact the Regional Library at (800) 331-2351.

## DELIVERY SERVICE

The State Library funds and monitors the Intersystem Library Delivery Service, which delivers interlibrary loan materials statewide. The system provides 24-hour delivery service. Complementing the delivery system is the instant transfer of information through a statewide network of telefacsimile machines.

## *READ ALL ABOUT IT Program*

Secretary of State and State Librarian George H. Ryan started a program that encourages all Illinois citizens to read and use their libraries. The program, READ ALL ABOUT IT, provides incentive programs for school-age children, preschoolers and their caregivers, adult and family literacy programs, senior citizens and other groups. The Illinois Center for the Book also participates in the program. The *Explore Check It Out* magazine for young children and Family Reading Night in November are examples of the program's activities.

## LIBRARY PARTNERS

Library Partners is a formal recognition program sponsored by the State Library and the Illinois State Chamber of Commerce. Its goal is to strengthen relationships between libraries and their respective business communities, thereby promoting increased awareness, productivity and profitability in library, business and community development efforts.





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## LITERACY

An Illinois Adult Literacy Survey conducted in 1992 revealed that more than 40 percent of Illinois adults need to improve their basic skills in order to function effectively in today's society. Under the leadership of the State Library, libraries across the state have played key roles in the literacy effort. With funds from three literacy grant programs, Illinois libraries are working side by side with adult, family and workplace literacy programs to improve the literacy levels of Illinoisans.

Libraries support new reader collections, provide tutoring space, assist in volunteer training, and orient new readers to the library and its services. In pilot family literacy programs, libraries are the primary agencies to develop partnerships between themselves and adult and child at risk programs.

As state librarian, George H. Ryan chairs the Illinois Literacy Council which coordinates literacy activities between business and government agencies as well as community based and civic organizations. Most recently the State Library was chosen by the Governor to operate a coordinated state resource center. Named the Illinois Network of Literacy/Adult Education Resources (INLAR) the center uses the information gathering and disseminating capabilities of libraries to expand literacy service and promote research.

The Adult Learning Hotline, 1-800-321-9511, refers students and tutors to local programs and provides information about all state agencies and their adult education and literacy services. The hotline also connects the business community to education providers who will help them plan and implement job specific literacy programs at the workplace.

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